



Representative  
**Geoff  
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**47th District  
Questionnaire**

Dear neighbors,

It's an honor and privilege to serve as your representative. I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well during these tough times.

While our thoughts are with sailors and soldiers overseas, we still need to tackle problems here at home:

- Solving traffic gridlock.
- Creating jobs after the Boeing layoffs.
- Protecting your health and safety.
- Improving our schools.

What do you think we should do?

Your opinions are important to me. I'm interested in your responses to this survey, and I hope to hear from you.

Sincerely,

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# What do you think?

## What are the two biggest challenges facing our state?

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jobs        | <input type="checkbox"/> Growth      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health care | <input type="checkbox"/> Morality    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Terrorism   | <input type="checkbox"/> Crime       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High taxes  | <input type="checkbox"/> Pollution   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

## Jobs

Has anyone in your family been hurt by layoffs at Boeing or elsewhere?

- ☐ Yes      ☐ No

What should the state do to create jobs and ease the pain of layoffs?

- ☐ Better retraining for laid-off workers
- ☐ Provide more support for new or failing businesses and attract companies from other states
- ☐ Create jobs by building public facilities such as needed roads, parks and other public projects — as was done in the Great Depression by President Franklin Roosevelt
- ☐ Job creation is none of the government's business
- ☐ Cut taxes on business



A transportation improvement plan including new revenue would create 14,000 high-wage jobs in this state and provide a boost to our sagging economy. How strongly do you support or oppose such a plan?

- ☐ Strongly support    ☐ Support    ☐ Oppose

## Protecting our safety

Where should focus our priorities to make our communities safer?

- ☐ Law enforcement officers doing airport screening instead of minimum wage workers
- ☐ Bioterrorism/anthrax equipment and training for police, firefighters and citizens
- ☐ Protect the water supply
- ☐ Anti-terrorism training and response planning for police



## Less drugs, less crime

When arrested, most criminals have drugs or alcohol in their system. How do you think the state should tackle the drug problem?

- ☐ Longer sentences
- ☐ Expand drug and alcohol prevention education
- ☐ Longer prison sentences for drug or alcohol abusing offenders



## Safer roads and highways

Traffic accidents are the No. 1 cause of injuries and death for children and young adults. What should we do?

- ☐ Improve dangerous roads and intersections
- ☐ Fix traffic gridlock
- ☐ Increase penalties for drunk or reckless drivers
- ☐ Find ways to reduce road rage
- ☐ Better training and education for young drivers

## Traffic gridlock

If a traffic plan goes to the voters, what features would you want in a plan?

- ☐ All new money raised in a county stays in that county
- ☐ A list of projects in your area that would get built
- ☐ Better mass transit (van pools, buses, trains, HOV lanes)
- ☐ All the money going to new roads, not other options
- ☐ A second vote after 5 years to change or end the plan



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**The budget**

The poor economy means deep cuts to state funded services. How should the Legislature balance the budget?

Should the state cut all agencies and services equally, or pick and choose priorities?

- ☐ Cut all equally      ☐ Prioritize

If you had to pick, what would you cut to balance the budget? (Pick one)

- ☐ Health care      ☐ Education  
☐ Prisons      ☐ Transportation  
☐ Environment      ☐ Children and the disabled  
☐ Public safety      ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Education**

Is the state doing enough to fund public schools?

- ☐ Yes      ☐ No

Grade your local schools — how are they doing?

- ☐ A      ☐ B      ☐ C      ☐ D  
☐ F      ☐ Incomplete/don't know

Where could your local schools be stronger?

- ☐ Reading and writing  
☐ Math and science  
☐ Safety  
☐ Graduation rate  
☐ Preparing students for college  
☐ Real-world skills  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_



Comments on any other subject \_\_\_\_\_

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